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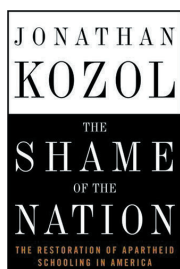
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## Author and Educator Jonathan Kozol to Discuss Latest Book

Author and National Book Award recipient Jonathan Kozol will speak at a special event on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For his new book, entitled "The Shame of the Nation:



The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America," Kozol visited 60 schools in 11 states over a five-year period and found, despite the promise of Brown v. Board of Education, many schools serving black and Hispanic children are spiraling backward to the pre-Brown era.

In 1964, Kozol left his comfortable surroundings in Cambridge, Mass., to begin work as a teacher in low-income, predominately black Roxbury, first in a freedom school and later in a public elementary school. He grew up in Newton, was educated at Harvard and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford.

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Jonathan Kozol, right, will be at the Central Library on Nov. 1 to discuss his latest book about the American educational system, "The Shame of the Nation."

## Works by Local Artist Robin Bright on Display at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch

The Library is showcasing more than two dozen works by one of San Diego's preeminent artists, Robin Bright. A presence on the San Diego art scene for more than three decades, Bright is best known for impeccably crafted and intimately scaled works that meld aspects of both painting and sculpture. "Robin Bright: Recent Works" is now on display through Dec. 4 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St.



The exhibit includes mixed-media pieces from two distinctly different series: the elegant and monochromatic "Hector Vex" series (ongoing since the 1960s and grounded in minimalism) and the more recent and comparatively baroque "Small Town" series. The intricate and kaleidoscopic abstractions of the latter, which derives its inspiration from sources such as Persian rugs and wrought iron patterns, is Bright's most colorful work to date. In both series, the beauty is in the details and, although certain aspects of his technical process are governed by chance, few artists agonize more than Bright over the nuances of patina, the interplay of materials or the intricacies of form.

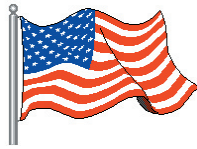
Bright is a thinking man with a world-class background who describes himself as "utterly visual," a reference to what he characterizes as the humorless, theory-driven art espoused by university academics. True to his vision, he offers viewers from all backgrounds a rich experience.

For information, call the branch library at 858-581-9934 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

*Tyrone, one of more than two dozen works by artist Robin Bright now on display at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch.*

## Libraries Closed Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving

All 35 City libraries will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 and Thursday, Nov. 24 in observance of Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving, respectively. As a convenience, all book drops will remain open to return library materials.



## Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra to Perform Nov. 21

The Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra will perform Monday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive. Sound effects guru Scott Paulson and his massive barrage of noisemakers and sound effects tools have been heard on radio, television and film. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call 858-538-8181.

## Free Over-the-Counter Medications Seminar

A free seminar about over-the-counter medications will be held Nov. 12 at the San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. The seminar will provide detailed information from a registered pharmacist and will include presentations and a question and answer period. The seminar is part of the Be Well Informed @ Your Library campaign, presented by Walgreens and the American Library Association. For information, visit the Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> or call 619-527-3430.



## Online Genealogy Course at Point Loma Branch

An introductory course on creating your family tree – “Me, My Family and I: Genealogy Online!” – will be held Nov. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The genealogy course will help participants learn vocabulary, get organized and begin to sort through all the possibilities. The free event is part of the “Oasis at the Library” series. Call the library at 619-531-1539 to register.

## R.A. Zuckerman Paintings on Display at La Jolla

“Art Quips Plus,” selections from five series of paintings by R.A. Zuckerman, will be on display Nov. 2 through Dec. 23 in the Community Room Gallery of the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library. A lecture and reception with the artist will be held Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. The event is free. The branch library is located at 7555 Draper Ave. Call 858-552-1657 for details.



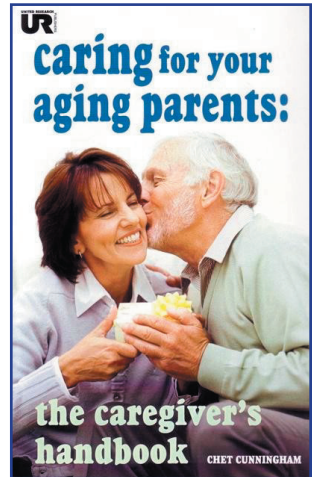
## Author Chet Cunningham to Discuss New Book About Caring for Aging Parents

The Library will host a discussion and book signing by well-known local author Chet Cunningham on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. The event will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The program is free to the public.

Cunningham will discuss and sign copies of his latest book “Caring for Your Aging Parents: The Caregiver’s Handbook.” Based on the author’s own life experiences, the book is an essential manual and primer for anyone, a family member or care giving professional, who is responsible for caring for an aged individual.

Cunningham has published more than 300 works of fiction and nonfiction since 1968. In 1994 he was instrumental in the founding of the San Diego Book Awards Association, which provides incentives and recognition to local authors by honoring and acknowledging excellence in the San Diego writing community. He received the Library’s Local Authors Lifetime Achievement (LOLA) Award in 2003.

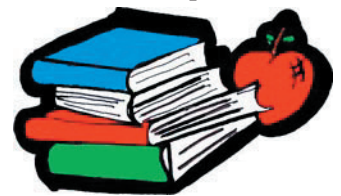
Copies of “Caring for Your Aging Parents: The Caregiver’s Handbook” will be available for sale at the event. For information, call 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



## Great Bargains and Gift Ideas to be Found at Children Book Sale

The Library’s annual Children’s Book Festival will offer great bargains on books for kids as well as provide great gifts. The event will take place both Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Children’s Room on the second floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. Great bargains will be found on both new and used books for a variety of age groups and

interests. Proceeds from the sales will go toward helping fund children’s programs and materials for the Library. For more information about the Children’s Book Sale, call 619-236-5838 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.





## Two Documentaries to be Shown About Patriot Act on Nov. 27

The Library will screen two documentary films that focus on the Patriot Act. "Beyond the Patriot Act" and "Unconstitutional" will be shown Monday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

"**Beyond the Patriot Act**" is the first episode of the ACLU Freedom Files from the American Civil Liberties Union and Robert Greenwald's Brave New Films. It is produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Jeremy Kagan. Through personal stories of ordinary Americans, "Beyond the Patriot Act" tells how the Patriot Act and government overreactions to Sept. 11 have restricted our most basic constitutional freedoms and threatens America's system of checks and balances. The documentary tells the story of a growing grassroots campaign of Americans of all political affiliations that led to the passage of nearly 400 community resolutions opposing the Patriot Act. One of the stories features a university librarian talking about the need to dump library records in order to protect the privacy of her patrons.

"**Unconstitutional**," which was written, directed and produced by Nonny de la Peña, explores how the Patriot Act has taken away checks on law enforcement and con-



In the film "Unconstitutional," Sam Hamoui talks about his family being detained by the FBI and INS.

tinues to endanger the civil liberties of all Americans. The Patriot Act, which was passed just 45 days after Sept. 11 with virtually no debate, was met with a significant grassroots groundswell from across the political spectrum. This film makes an effort to present a bipartisan view of the problems with the Patriot Act, by focusing on the personal stories of real people.

Co-sponsored by the ACLU, which will facilitate a discussion following the films. For information, call 619-236-5800 or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

## Children's Book Week Celebrated at Libraries with Variety of Activities

Books can open whole new worlds for children, improving their lives through education.

As part of the 86th annual Children's Book Week (Nov. 14-20), the City of San Diego Public Library invites all San Diego children to make a special visit to their local libraries for activities, fun events and to find books they love.



"As part of Children's Book Week, there are many great events and activities planned at libraries throughout the City," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "The City's libraries are loaded with great books for children to enjoy. Young people are encouraged to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience through books."

All 35 of the City's libraries have areas devoted to children and children's books. For the most up-to-date schedule of events, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council. Since 1919, librarians, educators, booksellers and families have celebrated Children's Book Week at libraries, schools, bookstores, clubs, private homes – any place where there are children and books.

### Children's Book Week Schedule of Events

#### Nov. 1-30

- Dolls & Reading Contest – Exhibit of more than 30 dolls representing classic children's books. Also, prizes awarded for reading best-loved children's books. Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch, 4275 Cass St. 858-581-9934

#### Monday, Nov. 14

- Kids' Book Club – "Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli at 5:15 p.m. Grades 4-6. San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive. 619-527-3430.
- Tutoring for Triumph – High school students tutor students in grades 1-8 every Monday at 4 p.m. San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive. 619-527-3430.
- Celebrate Native American Heritage – Stories, dances and crafts at 6:45 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Clairemont Branch, 2920 Burgener Blvd. 858-581-9935.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16

- Children's Night Out – Assistance in math, reading, reports. Grades K-12. 6 p.m. Young children accompanied by adult. Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.
- Children's Book Club – "The Landry News" by Andrew Clements. Grades 4-6. 6:30 p.m. Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch, 12095 World Trade Center Drive. 858-538-8181.
- Book Discussion Group – For ages 7-10. Call to pre-register. 4 p.m. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. 858-538-8158.
- Western Magic Show – Bafflin' Bill Cowboy performs magic. 4 p.m. Carmel Valley Branch, 3919 Townsgate Drive. 858-552-1668.

#### Thursday, Nov. 17

- Baggy Book Craft Program – Unique books made of plastic bags at 3:30 p.m. Supplies provided. Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch, 12095 World Trade Drive. 858-538-8181.

## Library to Present Documentary Films, Discussion in Celebration of Native American Indian Heritage Month

In partnership with the Institute of American Indian Life, the Library will have two special programs in celebration of Native American Indian Heritage Month. On Nov. 13, the award-winning documentary "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action" will be shown. On Nov. 20 at 2 p.m., the documentary film "Alcatraz is Not an Island" will be screened, followed by a discussion with Dr. Darlene Suarez.

"**Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action**" is the first feature documentary to take an in-depth look at the environmental hazards that threaten nearly all Indian nations across America, and at the handful of activists who are fighting back. With the support of their communities, these leaders are actively rejecting the devastating affronts of multinational energy companies and the current dismantling of 30 years of environmental laws. They are dedicated to forcing change – to save their land, preserve their sovereignty and ensure the cultural survival of their people. "Homeland" presents a vision of how people all over the world can turn around the destructive policies of resource plundering and create a new paradigm in which people can live healthier lives with greater understanding of, and respect for, the planet and all of its inhabitants.

In November 1969, a small group of Native Americans began the 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay. "**Alcatraz is Not an Island**" interweaves archival footage and contemporary commentary to examine how this historic event altered U.S. government Indian policy and programs, and how it forever changed the way Native Americans viewed themselves, their culture and their sovereign rights. The film examines the sacrifices and tragedies experienced by those involved, focusing on the dramatic story of leader Richard Oakes. It also explores the impact of the event on Native Americans nationwide and how it led to the "Red Power" movement of the 1970s, which has been called the lost chapter of the Civil Rights era, resulting in the Indian occupations of more than 70 other federal facilities. The seizure was more than a political event: it is now widely regarded as the turning point in a renaissance for Indian culture, traditions, identity, and spirituality.

Following the film, **Darlene Suarez**, Ph.D., a cultural



*Mitchell and Rita Capitan at their home in Crownpoint, N.M., on the Navajo Reservation. From the film "Homeland." © 2005 Katahdin Foundation*

anthropology professor at Palomar College, will discuss a variety of Native American Indian issues, including sovereignty, cultural conflicts and social problems.

Both events will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

### Jonathan Kozol (Continued from page 1)

His first published nonfiction, "Death at an Early Age: The Destruction of the Hearts and Minds of Negro Children in the Boston Public Schools" (1967), winner of the National Book Award, drew upon his experiences as a fourth-grade teacher. The practice of immersing himself in the lives of his subjects became the pattern for his subsequent searing studies of the injustices a wealthy society visits upon its most vulnerable members.

A commission to study the problem of adult literacy resulted in "Illiterate American" (1980). In "Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America" (1988) Kozol examines the stunted lives of people deprived of the raw necessities. "Savage Inequalities" (1991) details the differences between schools in affluent neighborhoods and those attended by the children of the poor. In 1995, Kozol produced another powerful study, this time based on first-hand experience among school children in the South Bronx: "Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation."

The cost of the event is \$5 per person. To make a reservation, please contact the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or [cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net](mailto:cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net). For more information, visit the Web site: <http://www.cityclubofsandiego.com>. The event is part of the Great American Writers Series, presented by the City of San Diego Public Library, City Club of San Diego and UCSD-TV

### Even More Great Events and Programs!

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